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SUBJECT: DRA EMBASSY RELEASE RE AMBASSADOR DUBS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DRA NEWS  
RELEASE DATED FEBRUARY 15:

2. QUOTE YESTERDAY MORNING HIS EXCELLENCY ADOLPH DUBS,  
US AMBASSADOR TO KABUL, AFGHANISTAN, WAS ON ROUTE FROM HIS  
RESIDENCE TO THE US EMBASSY, WAS STOPPED BY TERRORISTS  
DRESSED AS TRAFFIC POLICEMEN. THE TERRORISTS FORCED  
HIS DRIVER TO THE KABUL HOTEL.

3. SECURITY FORCES TRIED THEIR BEST TO RELEASE AMBASSA-  
DOR DUBS FROM THE TERRORISTS. THE TERRORISTS DEMANDED  
THE RELEASE OF BAHRUDIN BAHES, IN TEN MINUTES OR THEY  
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WOULD KILL AMBASSADOR DUBS. BAHRUDIN BAHES RESIDENCE

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WAS UNKNOWN, AND WAS NOT IN AFGHANISTAN.

4. WHEN THE TERRORISTS GAVE THEIR LAST WARNING, RESPONSIBLE SECURITY FORCES PLANNED THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO RESCUE AMBASSADOR DUBS. THE FOUR TERRORISTS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AMBASSADOR DUBS. THE TERRORISTS WERE THEN KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. AMBASSADOR

DUBS WAS THEN TAKEN TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HOSPITAL IN KABUL WHERE HE DIED.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN WAS STRONGLY SADDENED OF THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT. NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER, SENT HIS CONDOLENCES TO HIS EXCELLENCY JIMMY CARTER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. HAFIZULLAH AMI, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENT HIS CONDOLENCES TO HIS EXCELLENCY CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN BELIEVES THAT THIS INCIDENT IS THE ACTION OF THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN, AND THE ENEMY OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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